

SUMMARY OF SUBMISSIONS TO
THE DEFICIT REDUCTION OMNIBUS RECONCILIATION ACT OF 2005

<u>TOTAL FOR ALL COMMITTEES</u>	<u>2006</u>	<u>2006-10</u>
Reconciliation instructions	-1,519	-34,658
Savings achieved.....	-6,168	-39,114

COMMITTEE DETAIL

<u>COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, NUTRITION, AND FORESTRY</u>	<u>2006</u>	<u>2006-10</u>
Reconciliation instructions	-173	-3,000
Savings achieved.....	-196	-3,014

Provisions included in reconciliation submission:

Commodity Programs: Reduces payments to agricultural producers by 2.5 percent, imposes a 1.2 percent penalty on sugar nonrecourse loan forfeitures, eliminates the upland cotton Step 2 payments, and reduces advance direct payments by 10 percent in 2006 and 21 percent in 2007. -614 -2,731

MILC: Extends Milk Income Loss Contract payments through 2007. 433 998

Conservation Programs: Amends the Conservation Reserve Program, the Conservation Security Program, and the Environmental Quality Incentives Program. -7 -1,054

Miscellaneous: Reduces mandatory funding for the Initiative for Future Agriculture and Food Systems Program. -8 -227

<u>COMMITTEE ON BANKING, HOUSING, AND URBAN AFFAIRS</u>	<u>2006</u>	<u>2006-10</u>
Reconciliation instructions	-30	-470
Savings achieved.....	-30	-570

Provisions included in reconciliation submission:

Reform Deposit Insurance: The proposal would strengthen the deposit insurance system for banks and thrifts by merging the FDIC's BIF and SAIF funds, which offer identical products. Provides the FDIC with greater flexibility to manage the fund to match macro-economic conditions. Allows deposit insurance coverage to keep pace with inflation and increases coverage for retirement accounts. 0 -300

Reform Federal Housing Insurance: This proposal would make use of rehabilitation grants and property sales at prices below their market value for properties in mortgage default subject to appropriations. -30 -270

<u>COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, SCIENCE, AND TRANSPORTATION</u>	<u>2006</u>	<u>2006-10</u>
Reconciliation instructions	-10	-4,810
Savings achieved 1/.....	-10	-5,984

Provisions included in reconciliation submission:

Extend FCC auction authority: The FCC's authority under current law to auction spectrum will expire on September 30, 2007. The bill would extend the auction authority through September 30, 2009. 0 -1,700

Hard Date for Digital TV Transition and Advance Auction: Requires over-the-air TV broadcasters to return their analog TV channel (license to use a certain frequency of spectrum) by April 7, 2009, and directs the FCC to conduct an advance auction of those licenses on January 28, 2008. 0 -8,300

Converter boxes: Directs Secretary of Commerce to use up to \$3 billion in auction proceeds in assisting TV viewers to continue to use their analog sets after the transition date by converting over-the-air digital TV signals.	0	3,000
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Low-Power and Translator Television Stations: Directs Secretary of Commerce to spend up to \$200 million in auction proceeds to assist low-power and translator television stations to convert their broadcast equipment from analog to digital television.	0	116
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Emergency Communications: Directs Secretary of Commerce to spend up to \$1.25 billion in auction proceeds on programs that will pay for the costs of purchasing interoperable emergency communications equipment for first responders (\$1 billion), implementing a national alert system (\$200 million), and creating a tsunami warning and coastal vulnerability program (\$50 million).	0	520
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E911 Program: Directs Secretary of Commerce to spend up to \$250 million in auction proceeds to implement the E911 Act of 2004 (P.L. 108-494), which would provide grants to improve emergency services in responding to requests made from wireless phones.	0	200
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Coastal Disaster Assistance: Directs Secretary of Commerce to spend up to \$200 million in auction proceeds to provide assistance to areas affected by coastal disasters.	0	160
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Supplemental License Fee: Directs the FCC to assess a one-time license fee in 2006 amounting to \$10 million.	-10	-10
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Essential Air Service: Directs Secretary of Commerce to spend (through the Department of Transportation) up to \$15 million in auction proceeds on the Essential Air Service Program in each year there are proceeds in the fund, if the amount appropriated in the annual appropriations bill for that program exceeds \$110 million in that year.	0	30
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1/ CBO's net outlay estimate of -\$5.984 billion over 2006-2010 period overstates estimated deficit reduction resulting from Title III, Commerce Committee title, because \$904 million in additional spending will occur after 2010, reducing the net deficit reduction resulting from Title III to \$5.080 billion.

<u>COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES</u>	<u>2006</u>	<u>2006-10</u>
Reconciliation instructions	NA	-2,400
Savings achieved.....	0	-2,501

Provisions included in reconciliation submission:

Arctic National Wildlife Refuge: Authorizes and directs the Secretary of the Interior to establish and implement a competitive oil and gas leasing program in the Coastal Plain of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge.	0	-2,501
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<u>COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND PUBLIC WORKS</u>	<u>2006</u>	<u>2006-10</u>
Reconciliation instructions	-4	-27
Savings achieved.....	-4	-30

Provisions included in reconciliation submission:

Alaska Highway Obligation Limitations: Delays the allocation of authorized mandatory spending for Alaska under SAFETEA until December 31, 2008.	-4	-30
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<u>COMMITTEE ON FINANCE</u>	<u>2006</u>	<u>2006-10</u>
Reconciliation instructions	NA	-10,000
Savings achieved.....	-819	-10,006

Provisions included in reconciliation submission:

Ensures Appropriate Payment for Medications

More accurately reimburses pharmacies by reforming the AWP system used to reimburse pharmacists for prescription drugs. (Section 6001)	-70	-4,595
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Increases the rebate paid by drug manufacturers from 15.1% to 17%. (Section 6002)	-230	-1,400
Modifies the definition of average manufacturer price to include the best price of an authorized generic in the calculation of the best price for the branded drug. (Section 6003)	-15	-180
Requires the collection and submission of utilization data for certain physician administered drugs. (Section 6004)	-10	-150
<i>Protects Medicaid Benefits for Long Term Care Coverage</i>		
Limits the circumstances under which persons may intentionally shelter assets in order to qualify for Medicaid. (Section 6011)	-36	-335
Provides new incentives to purchase long-term care by expanding Long-Term Care Insurance Partnerships. (Section 6012)	0	10
<i>Cracks down on Medicaid Fraud and Abuse</i>		
Expands existing third party recovery programs by clarifying that PBMs must respond to claims; that self-insured plans must turn over eligibility data; and that states can recover claims for up to three years from the date of service. (Section 6021)	-20	-480
Encourages states to aggressively pursue Medicaid fraud by implementing state false claims acts. (Section 6023)	0	-25
Requires employers who do business with Medicaid to have a false claims act education program. (Section 6024)	0	-7
Provides additional resources to fight fraud and abuse in Medicaid. (Section 6026)	59	403
<i>Improves State Financing</i>		
Clarifies the definition of “case management services” to ensure proper reimbursement to states. (Section 6031)	-30	-760
Provides \$1.8 billion to protect Medicaid benefits in Alabama, Louisiana, and Mississippi, and allows those states to delay application of provisions. (Sections 6032 and 6071)	1,877	1,942
Eliminates a loophole exempting managed care organizations from limitation on provider taxes instituted by states. (Section 6033)	-5	-75
Requires states to treat podiatrists as physicians for the purpose of Medicaid reimbursements. (Section 6034)	10	55
Raises the specified DSH allotments for Washington, DC for 2000, 201, and 2002 from \$32 million to \$49 million. (Section 6035)	20	100
Establishes a demonstration project to provide reimbursement under the state Medicaid plan to non-publicly owned or operated Institutions for Mental Disease in 10 states. (Section 6036)	10	30
<i>Promotes Access to Health Care</i>		
Expands Medicaid benefits through the Family Opportunity Act so that parents of severely disabled children can go to work and earn above poverty wages can continue to participate in the Medicaid program. (Sections 6041-6045)	0	872
Provides funding to states that face shortfalls in the State Children’s Health Insurance Program (SCHIP) and expands outreach and enrollment activities to cover more children. (Sections 6051-6054)	165	140
Establishes a new grant program to finance innovative outreach and enrollment efforts designed to increase enrollment and promote an understanding of the value of health insurance coverage. (Section 6055)	0	65
Authorizes the Secretary to conduct a Money Follow the Person demonstration project in states to promote community-based care.(Section 6061)	0	105

Preserves and Protects Medicare for Future Generations

Extends the Medicare Dependent Hospital program, which provides financial protections to rural hospitals with less than 100 beds that have a greater than 60 percent share of Medicare patients. (Section 6101)	0	14
Reduces Medicare's reimbursement of skilled nursing facility bad debt from 100% to 75%. (Section 6102)	0	-250
Freezes implementation of the criteria used to determine whether a hospital qualifies as an inpatient rehabilitation facility at 50% through 6/30/2007. (Section 6103)	30	105
Prevents new physician-owned limited service hospitals from having any ownership or investment interest by physicians who refer Medicare and Medicaid patients to the hospital. (Section 6104)	-4	-22
Provides a 1% update for all providers paid under the Medicare Physician Fee Schedule instead of a 4.4% payment reduction in 2006. (Section 6105)	2,000	10,800
Extends the hold-harmless provisions for small rural hospitals and sole community hospitals from implementation of the hospital outpatient prospective payment system. (Section 6106)	130	170
Provides a 1.6% increase in the composite rate update for end-stage renal disease facilities. (Section 6107)	60	520
Extends the moratorium on the cap on therapy services for 1 year. (Section 6108)	530	710
Requires durable medical equipment rentals to be purchased after the 13th month. (Section 6109)	-140	-910
Begins implementation of Value-based Purchasing in Medicare with a two-phase implementation tied to reporting of quality measures followed by creation of a payment pool to reward providers. (Section 6110)	0	-4,510
Implements administration's proposal to phase out the budget-neutrality adjustment for Medicare Advantage plan payments. (Section 6111)	0	-6,460
Eliminates the stabilization fund created in the MMA to provide payments to Medicare Advantage PPOs. (Section 6112)	-5,160	-5,440
Provides up to \$7.5 million for 15 site development grants and to provide technical assistance to establish Program of All-Inclusive for the Elderly (PACE) providers in rural areas. (Section 6113)	5	37
Creates a new enrollment period for individuals who have volunteered for at least 12 months outside the U.S. for non-profits to enroll in Medicare Part B without penalty. (Section 6114)	0	20
Expands the services federal qualified health centers may bill Medicare for to include diabetes self management and medical nutrition therapy. (Section 6115)	5	40
Interactions	0	-545

COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, EDUCATION, LABOR, AND PENSIONS

	<u>2006</u>	<u>2006-10</u>
Reconciliation instructions	-1,242	-13,651
Savings achieved.....	-5,015	-16,431

Provisions included in reconciliation submission:

Pension Benefit Guarantee Corporation:

Single Employer Flat Rate Premium: Raises the per participant premium for single employer plans from \$19 to \$46.75 and increases it by wage inflation thereafter.	-876	-5,429
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Multiemployer Flat Rate Premium: Raises the per participant premium for multiemployer plans from \$2.60 to \$8.00 and increases it by wage inflation thereafter.	-54	-300
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Bankruptcy Premium: Establishes a new premium requiring companies that terminate their defined benefit plans through the bankruptcy process (requiring PBGC trusteeship) to pay a premium of \$1,250 per participant for three years beginning after the company successfully emerges from bankruptcy.	-36	-1,006
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Higher Education:

Lender Yield Windfalls and Special Payments: Eliminates the windfalls that banks and other lenders experience when the borrower interest rate exceeds the interest rate guaranteed to lenders by law; and phases out the 9.5% interest rate guarantee certain lenders receive as a result of issuing loans from tax-exempt bond authority.	-3,640	-16,540
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Lender Insurance: Reduces lender insurance on all new loans and new consolidation loans from 98% to 97%. In addition, eliminates the special rules that have allowed some lenders and guarantors to receive 100% insurance on all defaults.	-375	-860
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Insurance Premiums and Guaranty Agency Fees: Eliminates the borrower paid insurance premium and instead requires guaranty agencies to pay a 1% fee.	-240	-1,490
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Consolidation Loan Origination Fee: Increases the lender origination fee on consolidation loans from 0.50% to 1.00%.	-425	-625
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Other--Savings From Net Programmatic Interaction: Additional savings related to programmatic interaction from modification of lender subsidies and program enhancements.	-125	-1,370
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Student Loan Program Enhancements: Reduces origination fees on new student loans; provides loan deferment for active duty military; increases borrower loan limits; and provides loan forgiveness for special education, math and science teachers, and borrowers who remain in certain public sector related jobs for at least 10 years.	301	3,177
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New Grant Aid for Low Income Students: Establishes a new direct spending program (Pro-GAP) that provides roughly a 10% increase in grant aid to the average low income college student; and a new direct spending program that provides low income (Pro-GAP eligible) students with additional grants of up to \$1,500 in their third and fourth years for working toward a degree in math, science, technology, engineering or a foreign language of critical importance to the security of the United States.	455	8,012
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COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

Reconciliation instructions	-60	-300
Savings achieved.....	-94	-578

Provisions included in reconciliation submission:

Recapture of Unused Employment-Based Immigrant Visas and Fees: Recaptures all employment-based immigrant visas not issued in previous fiscal years, and makes them available for reissue beginning in 2006 at a rate of not more than 90,000 additional visas per year. Imposes a \$500 fee on all applicants.	-39	-251
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Recapture of Unused H-1B Visa Numbers and Fees: Recaptures all H-1B visas not issued in fiscal years 1992-2003 and makes them available for reissue beginning in 2006 at a rate of not more than 30,000 additional visas per year. Imposes a \$500 fee on any petition filed for an H-1B visa after the original number of visas per year has been reached.	-15	-75
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Fees for Immigration Services for Intracompany Transferees: Imposes an additional \$750 fee on an employer when an alien files an application for an L1 visa. L visas are for aliens employed by a firm or corporation, who seek to enter the United States temporarily in order to continue working for the same employer in a capacity that involves specialized knowledge.	-40	-252
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